

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 5 and ending on page 6, line 12 as follows:

It is noted that the aforementioned auxiliary pattern ~~need to provide~~ needs to be provided in a position away from an opening corresponding to a contact pattern at least by a distance corresponding to the wavelength of a light source (exposing light). Therefore, in the case where openings are arranged at a pitch ranging from the wavelength to a double of the wavelength, the auxiliary pattern cannot be used. In other words, the aforementioned method using the auxiliary pattern is not applicable to all arrangements ranging from the case where openings are arranged at a pitch substantially corresponding to the wavelength to the case where an opening is isolated.